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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program funds to lump sum per project list.• Modifies schedule of Transportation Enhancement Activity project. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve FTIP Amendment No. 23 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment, and are shown for information only.

The updated programming has been found by SJCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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These projects are included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). The California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SJCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Andrew T. Chesley - San Joaquin Council of Governments
- Doug Ito - San Joaquin Council of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Cathy Gomes - Caltrans